

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sub-ducting apparatus comprising a sub-duct and a remotely operable path-finding element capable of being selectively activated ~~arranged to negotiate a path through an obstruction in a duct~~ affecting insertion of the sub-duct to facilitate insertion of the sub-duct into the duct.
2. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the sub-duct is an elongate sleeve.
3. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the path-finding element is a path-finding head.
4. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the head is detachable.
5. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 3 in which the head is outwardly deformable.
6. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 4 in which the head includes a seal activated by pressurisation of the sub-duct.
7. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 in which the head is outwardly deformable at the front end.

8. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 5 in which the head is outwardly deformable at a portion set back from the front end.

9. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 in which the head has a cutting portion at the front end.

10. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 in which the cutting portion is a chisel portion.

11. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 9 in which the cutting portion is a rotational cutter.

12. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 11 in which the cutter is activated by relative movement of the sub-duct and the cutter.

13. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 12 in which a helical thread translates linear movement of the sub-duct to rotational movement of the cutter.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for advancing a sub-duct into a main duct comprising apparatus as claimed in claim 1 ~~any preceding claim~~ and means for advancing it.

15. (Previously Presented) A method of inserting a sub-duct into a duct comprising advancing the sub-duct into the duct and remotely operating a path-finding element on the sub-duct to facilitate the insertion thereof by negotiating a path through an obstruction in the duct.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1 in which the sub-duct is inserted into the duct so that it sleeves over a cable within the duct for subsequent removal of the cable from the duct.

18. (New) A method according to claim 15 in which the advancement of the sub-duct so that it sleeves over a cable within the duct for subsequent removal of the cable from the duct.